

**Wyoming NRCS
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Applicant Name		Applicant Address		Acreage Offered
NRCS Office			Location - Range/Township/Section	
Land Eligibility - See sheet #3 for land eligibility definitions. If land does not meet basic eligibility criteria, do NOT rank the application				
Evaluation Item	Criteria	Points	Points Awarded	
1. Size of offer	≥100 Acres	15		
	50 - 99 Acres	10		
	25 - 49 Acres	6		
	10 - 24 Acres	4		
	5 - 9 Acres	2		
	<5 Acres	0		
2. Disturbance threshold	Project is >1,000 feet from frequent human activity such as dwellings or any road that appears on the Wyoming State Highway map.	10		
	All others	0		
3. Type of agreement	Easement - Perm.	15		
	Easement - 30 Yr.	10		
	Restoration only	5		
4a. Restored wetland water depth for saturated soils to 6" deep water	>75%	5		
	51 - 75%	7		
	26 - 50%	10		
	10 - 25%	2		
4b. Restored wetland water depth for 6" to 36" deep	>75%	7		
	51 - 75%	20		
	26 - 50%	5		
	10 - 25%	2		
4c. Restored wetland water depths >36"	>75%	2		
	51 - 75%	5		
	26 - 50%	7		
	10 - 25%	10		
5. Hydrology	Natural hydrology will maintain water regime	20		
	Supplemented with irrigation water and current owner has water rights	15		
	Restored with irrigation water and current owner has water rights	10		

6. Proximity to other protected wetland areas	Contiguous to another protected wetland	5	
	Within 1 mile of another protected wetland with a riparian area that links the 2 wetlands	10	
	Within 1 mile of another protected wetland with no linkage	5	
7. Operations and maintenance	Ability to vary water levels via permanent water control device	10	
	Requires infrequent maintenance and management	5	
	Requires annual or more frequent maintenance and management	0	
8. Species benefited.	Project will directly benefit endangered species.	30	
	Project will directly benefit threatened species.	25	
	Project will directly benefit proposed species	20	
	Project will directly benefit candidate species or state species of concern	15	
9. Location relative to protected wildlife habitat	Contiguous	10	
	Within 1/2 mile	5	
	>1/2 to 2 miles	2	
10. Producer previously applied for WRP	Yes	5	
	No	0	
11. Cost benefit	< \$1,000 cost-share per acre	10	
	\$1,000 - 1,500 cost-share per acre	7	
	>\$1,500 cost-share per acre	5	
TOTAL			

Producer Signature

Date

NRCS Representative Signature

Date

NRCS will attach an offer location map (USGS quad or similar). The map will clearly define the boundaries of the offered acres and include Range, Township and Section information. If points are awarded for criteria #2, #6 and/or #9, the map will contain the relevant information.

1 - Consider the entire offered acreage including wetland, riparian and uplands.

2 - Where is the offer relative to human disturbance. Planner will attach a map showing the offer location on a Wyoming State Highway map.

3 - What length of commitment is the producer offering.

4 - Consider the percent area, that once restored, will be at the various depths.

5 - What is the hydrology that will support the wetland.

6 - Is the offer close to other protected wetlands and is there connectivity.

7 - Can the producer vary water levels in the restored/enhanced wetland to control cattail invasion and what is the maintenance requirement.

8 - Planner/technician will attach biologist certification and concurrence from FWS, WYGF or NRCS State Biologist if any points are awarded. This information is available in the Wyoming Field Office Technical Guide.

9 - Areas specifically protected for wildlife include: CRP, WRP, WHIP projects, and other state and federal wildlife management units.

10 - Has the producer previously applied for WRP.

11 - What is the federal cost-share per acre of the total area offered. Do not include the cost of an easement and associated costs.

Eligible Land Criteria - Offers must meet at least one of the eligibility requirements below to be ranked.
Agricultural Lands
Wetlands farmed under natural conditions
Farmed wetlands
Prior converted wetlands
Commenced conversion wetlands
Farmed wetland pasture
Lands substantially altered by flooding
Former or Degraded Wetlands
Hydrology has been essentially removed by drainage or diversion to the extent that wetland functions & values are substantially removed
Hydrology will be substantially restored through the implementation of WRP practices
Riparian Areas
If the area establishes a link between wetlands protected by an easement
If the area establishes a link between wetlands protected by an interest that achieves the same purpose as an easement
Averages no more than 300 ft. in width on one side of the drainage, and connects eligible areas that are no more than 1 mile apart
Adjacent Lands
Adjacent lands will contribute significantly to the wetland functions and values are eligible providing the adjacent lands do not exceed 50 percent of the easement area.